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To all applicants for the Studies in the  
Middle East programme (SiMO)

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**Studium im Mittleren Osten (SiMO) – Geschäftsführung**  
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Stuttgart, im September 2024

## Studies in the Middle East/Studium im Mittleren Osten (SiMO)

Dear applicant,

We are delighted that you are interested in SiMO, the study programme of the Evangelical Mission in Solidarity (EMS) at the Near East School of Theology (NEST) in Beirut. For 25 years, SiMO has offered the opportunity to study Protestant theology in a unique place in dialog with the Eastern churches and in encounter with Islam.

Unfortunately, we had to discontinue the programme in October 2023 for safety reasons. And an improvement in the situation is currently not in sight: the German Foreign Office continues to issue not only an unrestricted travel warning for the whole of Lebanon, but also an urgent request for German citizens to leave the country.

As long as the travel warning is in place, it is not possible to send students to NEST as part of SiMO. Currently, we cannot foresee whether the 2025/26 academic year can take place. If you are interested in participating in the programme, we therefore ask you to send us only the completed application form for the time being. We will contact you with further information as soon as and if the travel warning is lifted. Please also consider whether you can postpone your participation in the programme by one year if necessary.

Thank you for your understanding and best regards

Dr Uwe Gräbe

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# SiMO

Studium im Mittleren Osten Studies in the Middle East

## Application Form

Please send your application to [simo@ems-online.org](mailto:simo@ems-online.org); Application Deadline: Dec 10

Family Name:

First Name:

Date of Birth:

Study address: Street and Number:

Postal Code, City:

Country:

Home address: Street and Number:

Postal Code, City:

Country:

Nationality:

Phone:

E-Mail:

Field/s of study:

Number of Semesters in theology at the time of application: ; thereof: semesters after

having fulfilled the academic requirements in ancient languages (*sprachfrei*):

Number of semesters in any other discipline than theology (please specify):

(Planned) date of intermediate exam (*Colloquium*) or final exams:

I am a member of the following church:

I have been officially endorsed by this church (*Liste der Theologiestudierenden*): ☐ yes ☐ no

Language abilities:

Planned funding for my SiMO year:

☐ self-financed ☐ student loan(BAföG) ☐ scholarship from:

☐ other (please specify):

☐ uncertain.

**The following documents (either in *German* or in *English*) have been attached (in one PDF-Document):**

- Curriculum Vitae
- Motivation Letter (approx. 2 pages)
- Transcript of records
- Diplomas or confirmation of planned examination
- Two letters of recommendation from university teachers
- References on previous intercultural experiences (if applicable and not included in the letters of recommendation from university teachers)

Place and Date

Signature